

## SOCIETY

Charming Dancing Party  
Given at Talcott Home

One of the most interesting social events of the holiday season was the dancing party given last evening by Miss Esther Talcott at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Talcott, of the penitentiary road. The guests included the younger school set, who are spending the holidays in the city. Miss Talcott is a Stanley Hall girl and her brother, Frank Talcott, Jr., is home from Williamstown, Mass., where he is a student at Williams college. The hours were from 9 o'clock to 12 and the Talcott home was effectively appointed in the yuletide colors. Miss Grace Loraine Jones of Steele and Miss Adalade Cummins of Mandan, were among the out-of-town guests. Miss Jones will be entertained by Miss Talcott during the remainder of the holiday season.

**In Minneapolis.**  
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Luehe of First street have gone to Minneapolis for a week's sojourn. They left last evening on No. 2.

**Concludes Visit Here.**  
Mrs. Sherwin of Mandan, who has been the guest of Mrs. George A. Welch of Fourth street, concluded her visit here yesterday.

**Visiting in Wilton.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swett of Avenue A are spending the holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schmidt of Wilton.

**Leaves Hospital.**  
Mrs. C. C. Wattam and infant son returned to their home in Fifth street yesterday from the Bismarck hospital, where they have been for the last two weeks.

**Visiting Daughter Here.**  
Mrs. Robert Johnston of St. Thomas has arrived in the city and is the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Harris of First street.

**Entertains Club.**  
Members of the Friday Crochet club were entertained this afternoon by Mrs. L. E. Maynard at her home in Avenue A. Fancy work was the diversion.

**Entertaining Fargo Visitors.**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cushing of First street are entertaining as their guests over the holidays, their daughter and grandson, Mrs. E. P. Tillotson and Master Bradley P. Tillotson, Jr., of Fargo. Mrs. Tillotson and son will be their guests until after New Year's.

**Annual Christmas Party.**  
Members of the P. E. O. Sisterhood will observe their annual Christmas party this evening in the home of Mrs. H. S. Dobler in Rosser street. A Christmas tree will be one of the features and gifts will be distributed to members from it. The evening will be spent in various social diversions.

**To Arrive From Armour.**  
Mrs. L. Booher of Armour, S. D., is expected to arrive in the city this evening and will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Putnam, of Fifth street. Mrs. Booher is called here by the illness of her grandson, Master Kenneth Putnam, who has been ill for the last five weeks, and whose condition is not improving.

**To Go to Chicago.**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Battey and son of First street will leave tomorrow morning for Minot, where they will spend a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Banges. They will leave their

son there and later go to Chicago, where Mr. Battey will attend the annual meeting of the International Harvester company, of which he is one of the general agents.

**Colorado Visitor Here.**  
Mrs. C. A. Burton of Longmont, Col., arrived on No. 1, last evening and will make an extended visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Urton of Sixth street.

**To Conclude Visit Here.**  
Miss Bertha Varney, who is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Varney of Second street, will return the first of the week to Hebron, where she is located.

**To Return From Trio.**  
J. P. Clinton, manager of the Stacy Fruit company, who has been spending the last three weeks visiting his mother in Spokane, Wash., is expected to return Saturday. He also visited his sister in Davenport, Wash.

**To Return to Grand Forks.**  
Gerald McKinnon, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Atkinson of Avenue B, expects to leave Sunday for Grand Forks, where he is a student at the University of North Dakota.

**Nurses Dance Tonight.**  
Another dancing party of interest in society circles will be the nurses' dance this evening in Patterson hall, given by the nurses of the St. Alexius hospital training school. Prominent society women will be patronesses for the affair and it is expected that nearly 200 guests will attend. Miss McPake, superintendent of the school, is assisting the nurses in the arrangements.

Society is looking forward to the annual reception and dancing party of the Bismarck Country club, which will be an event of New Year's evening in the McKenzie hotel. This annual affair will be one of the most brilliant events of the holiday season and is expected to out-rival the one given last year. For the last four years the club has held a mid-year gathering New Year's evening and it has proved to be one of the most successful of any of the entertainments. An orchestra will furnish music during the evening and a buffet luncheon will be served.

An interesting affair in church circles last evening was the annual Christmas entertainment given by the children of the St. George's Episcopal church Sunday school, in the parish house. Miss Knox, deaconess at the parish house, and Miss Geraldine Penwarden arranged a very interesting program, consisting of Christmas carols, recitations and a playlet, entitled, "A Christmas Eve Adventure." A tableau, representing the Madonna and the child, was a special feature of the program. Little Miss Betty Dullam represented the Madonna and carried a large doll for the child. The children were given gifts from the large Christmas tree.

Valley City Girl  
Receives Musical Offer

Miss Natalie Pfusch, a promising singer of Valley City, has received an offer from the Civilization company to become their soprano soloist. Mr. Koerner of that organization heard Miss Pfusch sing Massenet's Elegy as a prelude to "Where Are My Children," when it was shown at the Grand theater of that place. Miss Pfusch declined the offer and will remain in Valley City to finish her education before going on with a musical career.

## COLDS!

Open Windows and Fresh Air  
Preventatives

Colds are the most common of all infections. There are just two principles in the fight against colds, fresh air is a double acting preventive. In the first place it dilutes and destroys the cold infection from those having colds, minimizing the victim's danger of infecting others.

On the other hand it is the best of all tonics for building up the system. There is nothing so simple, cheap and easy for every one to get as fresh air. Sleep with your windows open summer and winter. Sleep warm in winter by using plenty of light, warm blankets. Have fresh air in the living room, office and shop by placing inclined boards, or pieces of glass across the lower part of the window and then raising the lower sash from six to ten inches. The incoming fresh air will be deflected toward the ceiling. This prevents a draft and gives an agreeable mixture of air all over the room. The defectors may be fastened in place by cleats or adjusted by means of small chains.

To avoid cold infection, keep away from the careless cougher, sneezer and spitter rather than through normal breathing that the germs from the lungs, throat and nose are sprayed into the atmosphere and breathed in by others.

The mouth and teeth should not be kept as a menagerie for bacteria. Brush the teeth at least twice a day and keep them in good repair at all times.

In treating a cold, begin early. The earlier the better. First of all secure prompt, free and easy bowel action. A hot foot bath should also be taken and the patient should then go to bed. Rest, fresh air, abundance of water and free bowel action are the prime factors in promoting a speedy cure.

**HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED.**  
B. T.: "What is the normal blood pressure for a man of 36?" From 120 to 130.

New  
Year  
Dinner

Olives Celery  
Oyster or Crab Flake Cocktail  
Consomme with Cheese  
Roast Lamb or Roast Chicken  
(Dressing baked in separate dish)  
Currant Jelly Brown Gravy  
Glazed Potatoes Escalloped Tomatoes  
Grape Fruit Jelly Salad  
Ice Cream Fortune Cake  
Mints Coffee  
Nuts

## By BIDDY BYE.

Whoever can afford an expensive New Year dinner will find plenty of delicacies in the market. The menu and suggestions printed today are designed to help housekeepers who must prepare a dainty feast at about the price of a Sunday dinner.

It is impossible for them, this year, to serve many of the good things which were formerly at their command, but they can make some of the ordinary substantial maskerade as novelties with a little ingenuity.

**Improving the Menu.**  
The olives may be stoned and stuffed with cream cheese.

If the cocktail is omitted, sardine canapés may precede the dinner.

The soup should be very hot if grated cheese is served with it. The dressing for the lamb should be baked in a separate dish so that it will not absorb the fat from the roast.

The potatoes may be cooked with the meat, then browned in the broiling oven, and sprinkled with chopped parsley.

Escalloped tomatoes may be served in individual ramekins or baking dishes.

The salad, either grapefruit or pineapple gelatin, should be molded in tiny cups and served when thoroughly chilled.

The fortune cake should contain a good luck symbol for each guest.

The ice cream will be appropriately decorative if molded in snowball, or bell forms.

**Unusual Meat Dishes.**  
Other ordinary meats which may be served in unusual ways are oysters with macaroni, roast duck with orange sauce and sweet potatoes; minced veal and mushrooms in pastry shells; casseroles of chicken; beefsteak with oyster blanket; small veal cutlets with spaghetti; baked and creamed fish served in mashed potato shells with rings of green peas. Mushrooms may be used as a garnish for most of these dishes.

**Vegetable Novelties.**  
For the New Year dinner pick out some vegetable sardines, as Brussels sprouts; individual molds of spinach garnished with chopped eggs; mashed parsnips well seasoned and served with the meat; stuffed and glazed onions; corn fritters; carrot soufflé; stuffed beets; cauliflower fried in batter; fried Hubbard squash.

**Uncommon Desserts.**  
Housewives usually have plenty of ideas for high priced desserts. Here are some of moderate cost: individual spice cakes served with chocolate sauce; pineapple tapioca with cream; prune custard; cranberry sherbet; marshmallow pudding; individual blanc mangle decorated with candied cherries or jelly; ice cream with hot chocolate sauce; fruit roll with sugar and cream.

## CITY NEWS

**ST. ALEXIUS NOTES.**  
Among the patients to enter the St. Alexius hospital within the last two days were: L. D. Heaton, McKenzie;

## CUNNING LITTLE POCKETS

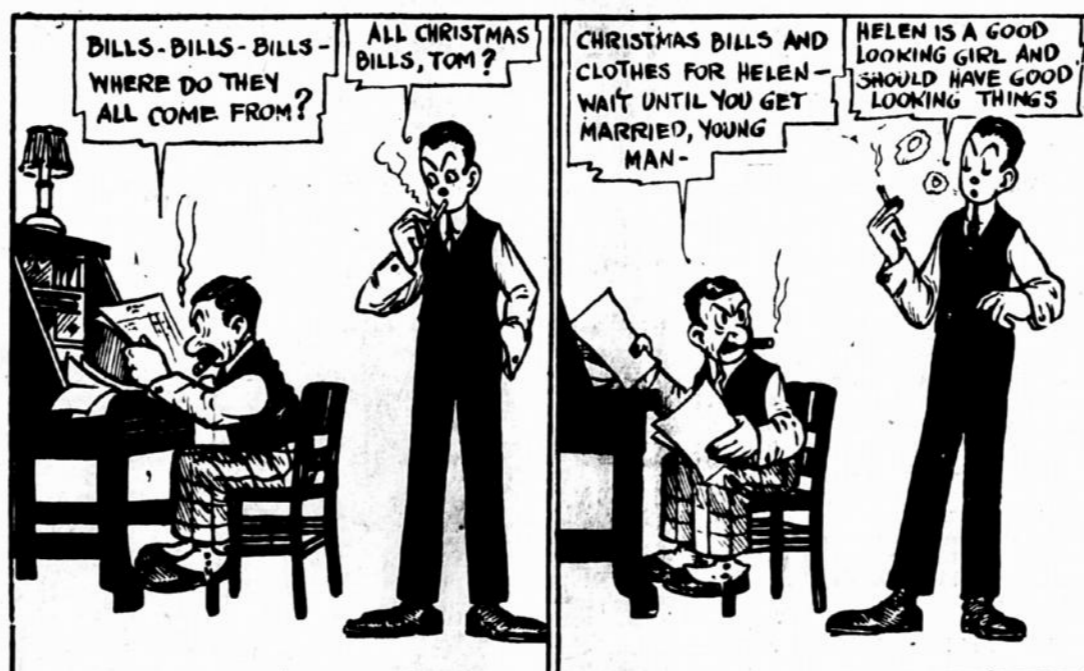


## By BETTY BROWN.

Here is a kindergarten lassie in her New Year frock. It is a Star-Best model of striped crepe but in cheviot or serge or chambray it would be just as cunning.

## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

## TOM WAS IN NO HUMOR TO BE KIDDED

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Master Carl Marman, Glen Ullin. Those to leave the hospital were: George Prenovost. City; Mrs. C. M. Wayman and baby, Solon.

**HERE FROM MCKENZIE.**  
Harry O'Neill of McKenzie is spending a few days in the city on business.

**STEELE VISITOR.**  
Mrs. Smith of Steele was in the city yesterday, shopping and calling on friends.

**DRISCOLL VISITOR.**  
F. D. Woodworth of Driscoll was in the city yesterday and transacted business at the court house.

**ATTENDS FUNERAL IN FARGO.**  
J. D. Heaton of Thayer street is in Fargo, where he went to attend the funeral services of J. A. Sortin. Mr.

Sortin was one of the best known business men of that place, having been manager of the Crane-Ordway company and been connected with the Johnson's for corsets.

The Most Happy  
New Year!

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Walnuts  
Almonds  
Pecans  
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## CANDIED FRUITS

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Cranberries, Apples, Pears, Figs, Dates, Oranges, Grape Fruit, Lemons and Christmas Candies  
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MINCE MEAT

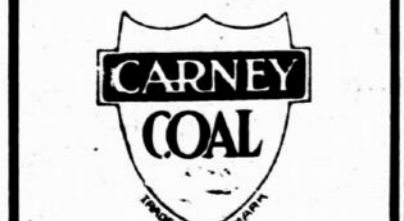
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